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Hal Ozsan

Halil Özşan (/ˈoʊzæn/;[2] born 26 October 1976), known professionally as **Hal Ozsan**, is a Turkish Cypriot screenwriter [3] and actor. As an actor, he came to prominence for his role as Todd Carr in *Dawson's Creek*. He has gone on to appear in various series regular and recurring roles on shows such as *Jessica Jones*, *NCIS: New Orleans*, *The Blacklist*, *Graceland*, *Impastor*, *90210*, and *Kyle XY*.[4]

As a screenwriter and producer, he is known for being co-executive producer and co-writer of the Viceland comedy *What Would Diplo Do?* starring his Dawson's Creek co-star James Van Der Beek.[5] In 2025 his script 'Alpha' was voted into the top 10 of the Hollywood's The Black List (survey)[6] and became the subject of a multi-studio bidding war, eventually selling to Netflix [7]

As a musician, Ozsan fronted the band Poets and Pornstars as a musician until 2008, with his music featured in such media as *Californication* and *So You Think You Can Dance*.

Hal Ozsan

Ozsan in 2017

Born	Halil Özşan 26 October 1976 Famagusta, Cyprus
Citizenship	United States[1]
Occupations	Actor · musician · screenwriter · producer
Years active	2000–present
Spouses	Ashley Kucich (m. 2020; div. 2021) Sarah Canning (m. 2023)
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Early life

Ozsan was born to Turkish Cypriot parents in Famagusta, Cyprus.[8] At the age of three, he moved to England with his family and was raised in the London suburb of Havering.[8] At the age of 11, he gained admission to Brentwood School, receiving a distinction for drama.[9]

Career

Ozsan moved to the United States in the 1990s, where he began working in films and television. His first major recognition for a recurring role was as Todd Carr in *Dawson's Creek*, followed by a main role in the miniseries *Fallen* and a recurring role in *Kyle XY*.[4] Ozsan's first film appearance was in the film *S1m0ne*.[8] He was the singer-songwriter for the rock band Poets and Pornstars; in 2008, he left the band to return to acting full-time.[9] His songs have appeared in several films and television shows, including *Californication*, *So You Think You Can Dance*, *Little Athens* and *Undead or Alive*.[10] Many other television shows and films were to follow.

In 2017, he became the co-executive producer and co-writer of the critically acclaimed Viceland comedy series *What Would Diplo Do?*, reuniting with his *Dawson's Creek* co-star James Van Der Beek.[11]

Personal life

On 16 October 2020, Ozsan eloped with makeup artist and hair stylist Ashley Kucich.[12] Ozsan filed for divorce in 2021.[13]

In July 2023, Ozsan announced that he was engaged to former fashion model[14] Sarah Canning, to whom he proposed with the aid of British comedian David Walliams at the Mediterranean Film Festival.[15] Ozsan and Canning had been dating since 2022.

They were married on 14 December 2023 in the Marylebone neighborhood of London.[16]

Filmography

Film

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2002	*Simone*	Hotel concierge	
2004	*Helter Skelter*	Joey Dimarco	Television film
2005	*Guy in Row Five*	Billy	
2006	*Caffeine*	Dude	
2007	*Redline*	Mike Z	
2007	*Children of Wax*	Hakan	
2010	*Groupie*	Travis Bellamy	
2011	*The Back-Up Bride*	Serge Prozorofsky	also known as *Head Over Spurs in Love*
2011	*Peach Plum Pear*	Nils Hutchinson	
2012	*For the Love of Money*	Abe	
2014	*Betrayed*	Jonathan	
2014	*Layover*	Tom	
2014	*Private Number*	Michael Lane	
2020	*Last Moment of Clarity*	Vince	
2020	*Infidel*	Ramzi	

Television

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2000	*Felicity*	Long-haired guy	Episode: "Revolutions"
2000	*Felicity*	Student, stoner guy	Episode: "Running Mates"
2000	*Jesse*	Dawson	Episode: "First Blood"
2001	*Providence*	Rolando	Episode: "Big Night"
2001	*FreakyLinks*	Jamie Hallowell	Episode: "Subject: Still I Rise"
2001	*Grounded for Life*	Jerry	Episode: "You Can't Always Get What You Want"
2001	*Nash Bridges*	Eric	Episode: "Blood Bots"
2001	*Six Feet Under*	Man in flower shop	Episode: "Life's Too Short"
2001–2003	*Dawson's Creek*	Todd Carr	12 episodes
2002	*Roswell*	Adam Chase	Episode: "Ch-Ch-Changes"
2003	*Fastlane*	Oliver Jax	Episode: "Dosed"
2003	*Dragnet*	—	Episode: "The Magic Bullet"
2004	*The Division*	Sheryl's manager	Episode: "The Box"
2005	*CSI: Miami*	Brandon Pace	Episode: "Game Over"
2006	*CSI: NY*	Tony DeLuca	Episode: "Open and Shut"
2007	*Fallen*	Azazel	Miniseries; 4 episodes
2008	*Shark*	Donny Garland	Episode: "One Hit Wonder"
2008	*Californication*	Ronny Praeger	3 episodes
2008	*The Unit*	Raheem	Episode: "Shadow Riders"
2009	*Kyle XY*	Michael Cassidy	10 episodes
2009	*Without a Trace*	Wyatt Brody	Episode: "Skeletons"
2009	*Supernatural*	Patrick	Episode: "The Curious Case of Dean Winchester"
2010–2011	*90210*	Miles Cannon	12 episodes
2010	*Hawthorne*	Dr. Andrew Lee	Episode: "Picture Perfect"
2010	*Melissa & Joey*	Dylan	Episode: "Boy Toys 'R' Us"
2011	*Suits*	Jones Debeque	Episode: "Play the Man"
2012	*White Collar*	Gordon Taylor	Episode: "Stealing Home"
2012	*Bones*	Jocco Kent	Episode: "The Suit on the Set"
2012	*Make It or Break It*	Dr. Andrew Walker	2 episodes
2012	*Hollywood Heights*	Nick Lynch	Episode: "Max Looks for Answers"
2012	*Beauty & the Beast*	Chris Miller	Episode: "Trapped"
2013	*The Mentalist*	Harry Clarkson	Episode: "Days of Wine and Roses"
2013	*True Blood*	King Charles II	Episode: "In the Evening"
2013	*Major Crimes*	Bruce	Episode: "Poster Boy"
2013	*Sons of Anarchy*	Kia Ghanezi	Episode: "Straw"
2014	*Bad Teacher*	Navid	Episode: "Nix the Fat Week"
2014	*Hieroglyph*	Bek Penroy	Episode: "Pilot"
2014	*The Blacklist*	Ezra	5 episodes
2015	*Young & Hungry*	Charles D'Arby	Episode: "Young & Part Two"
2015	*Impastor*	Kenny Banderas	3 episodes
2015	*Graceland*	Germaine Marsden	4 episodes
2016	*Lucifer*	Sergei	1 episode

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2016	*Code Black*	Viktor	Episode: "The Fifth Stage"
2016	*The Clan of the Cave Bear*	Brun	Pilot
2018	*Jessica Jones*	Griffin Sinclair	6 episodes
2018	*The Resident*	Nigel Sutton	1 episode
2018	*Deception*	Mikhail Koslov	Episode: "Forced Perspective"
2018	*Hit the Floor*	O'Malik	1 episode
2018	*Magnum P.I.*	Jack Candler	Episode: "Six Paintings, One Frame"
2019–2020	*NCIS: New Orleans*	Ryan Porter	7 episodes
2022	*The Guardians of Justice*	News Anchor Van Dawson	7 episodes

Web

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2011	*The Online Gamer*	Mark	4 episodes
2011	*Level 26: Dark Revelations*	Labyrinth / Julian Blair	7 episodes
2012	*Cybergeddon*	Jessop	Episode: "McCluskey"

Video games

Year	Title	Role	Notes
2013	*Killzone: Shadow Fall*	Gresham	Voice

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